

GEO-7 Timeline (Member States opportunities for input **bolded and highlighted**)

Date	Meeting	Participants	Location	Purpose /Anticipated Outcome
2-6 September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Authors writer’s sprint meeting • Preparing SOD of main report • Preparing FOD of SPM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors • Co-chairs • SPM drafting team • GEO fellows • Secretariat 	Nairobi, Kenya (TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refining text of SOD of the main report. • Addressing cross-cutting issues across the chapters • Refining text of the SPM FOD.
3-5 September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMAG in-person meeting • MESAG in-person meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMAG members • MESAG members • Secretariat 	Nairobi, Kenya (TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing any further guidance issues to authors, co-chairs • Receiving briefs from authors, co-chairs and providing guidance • Conducting coordination group meeting.
8 – 30 October, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls with all chapters to prepare them for intergovernmental review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors • Fellows • Chapter coordinators, subject matter experts (Secretariat) 	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polish chapter narrative, coherence across the different chapters etc.
1 November 2024– 15 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergovernmental and expert peer review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergovernmental peer reviewers • Expert peer reviewers 	READ platform (online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit SOD of current chapters and FOD of SPM for review • Receive governmental and expert comments
January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd IK & LK Dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP & LC representatives • IK & LK Task Force • Co-chairs • MESAG members • Secretariat 	Asia Pacific (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of IK & LK in the Second Order Draft of GEO-7 and the First Order Draft of the SPM.
15 January – 15 March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address comments from intergovernmental and expert peer review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors, fellows • Co-chairs, • SPM drafting team • Secretariat 	READ platform (online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to peer review comments • Complete review grids • Submit them to Review Editors for quality of response assessment.
15 March – 15 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess quality of response to peer review comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review editors • Secretariat 	READ platform (online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review quality of responses from authors to the expert peer review

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January – October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly IMAG and MESAG meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 minute calls with set agenda 	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review main comments on FOD of SPM • Prepare for final authors / review editors meeting
January - February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors, chapter coordinators, subject matter experts, fellows 	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance final drafts of chapters • Prepare for review editors meeting.
15 April - 15 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to suggestions from Review editors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors • Co-chairs, • SPM drafting team • Secretariat 	READ platform (online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise responses to peer review comments, as necessary • Provide supporting rationale for revision of response to peer review comments
2-4 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Authors meeting with Review Editors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors (CLAs) • Review editors • Co-chairs • GEO fellows • Secretariat 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review quality of peer reviews chapter by chapter • Review quality of SPM FOD peer review • Address any outstanding peer review issues
4-5 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MESAG meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MESAG members • Secretariat • 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review different elements of scientific integrity of GEO process. • Issue statement of assessment of scientific integrity of GEO process.
15 June – 1 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing main chapters and their executive summaries • Begin layout production of GEO-7 main report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors • GEO fellows • Secretariat 	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polished chapters, complete narrative. • Finalization of front matters and back matters • Finalization of graphics, including cover • Establish work schedule for layout of main report.
July – Aug 30. 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editing, layout, production, quality control of main GEO-7 report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat 	Nairobi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science editing • Copy editing • Quality control, final version of the text • Professional layout, graphics design, • Quality control of the layout and text • Publication, final approvals of main report

15 June – 30 Aug 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biweekly calls with SPM author team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating lead authors • Co-chairs of the assessment • Secretariat 	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine the SOD of the SPM in preparation for the draft SPM review meeting.
15 August. -30 October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPM SOD online review • GEO-7 embargoed version of main report as supporting document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergovernmental peer reviewers • Secretariat 	READ platform (online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive comments from governments in preparation for SPM review and approval meeting • Discussion with co-chairs and CLAs about approach to addressing comments.
15 August. – 7 October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat gathers comments on SOD of SPM to prepare for review and approval meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs • CLAs • Fellows • Secretariat 	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address and respond to peer review comments • Prepare SPM for review and approval
3 November – 7 November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPM review and approval (Member State representatives, IMAG members, MESAG Bureau, assessment co-chairs, chapter CLAs – to ensure line of sight with the main report) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States • Co-chairs • CLAs • A few GEO fellows • IMAG • MESAG Bureau • Secretariat 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive acceptance of main GEO report from AHOM participants • Review text of draft SPM line by line. • Ensure alignment of revised draft SPM text with main report • Seek approval of revised draft SPM.
November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final layout SPM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat 	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalization of graphics, including cover • Establish work schedule for layout of SPM
November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th IK & LK Dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP & LC representatives • IK & LK Task Force • Co-chairs • MESAG members • Secretariat 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Giving back’ Dialogue where an IK & LK Summary of Key Messages will be presented to Indigenous People and Local Communities
8-12 December 2025 (during UNEA-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of GEO-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	Nairobi, Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek endorsement of main GEO-7 report and its accompanying SPM from Member States.